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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
CALMON DE SA

REF: BRASILIA 10080, BRASILIA 10646

1. ACTION ON THE PROPOSED VISIT OF MINISTER
CALMON DE SA WAS DELAYED DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF MANY
US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS,
INCLUDING HIS COUNTERPART, COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS.

2. ALTHOUGH NO APPOINTMENTS ARE YET FIRM, THE
MID-FEBRUARY TIMEFRAME APPEARS TO BE THE MOST
DESIRABLE TO INSURE THAT CALMON DE SA WILL SEE THE
APPROPRIATE OFFICERS IN COMMERCE, STATE, STR, USDA
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AND, TREASURY. FOR EXAMPLE, USDA HAS INDICATED THAT
THEIR KEY SOYBEAN PEOPLE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL
FEBRUARY 20. CONGRESS WILL ALSO NOT RECONVENE BEFORE
LATE JANUARY, THEREFORE MID-FEBRUARY WILL BE BETTER
TIMING FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT THE DATES

FEBRUARY 20-24 BE PROPOSED TO CALMON DE SA. IF THIS TIMEFRAME IS ACCEPTABLE, WE WILL MOVE TO TIE DOWN APPOINTMENTS. THE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS ON ANY SPECIFIC OFFICIALS THE MINISTER MAY WISH TO MEET WILL BE HELPFUL.

4. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR CABINET LEVEL PARTICIPATION, WE HAVE ASKED COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS TO MEET WITH CALMON DE SA FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES. WE ARE PRESSING FOR HER REPLY, AND IF SHE AGREES WE WILL SET AN APPOINTMENT DATE AS SOON AS YOU ADVISE US THAT THE FEBRUARY DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MINISTER.

5. TREASURY HAS INFORMED US THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN TELEPHONED CALMON DE SA JAN. 4. BERGSTEN TOLD THE MINISTER THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE DELAYED BY THE HOLIDAYS, BUT THAT MID-FEBRUARY APPEARS TO BE THE BEST TIME FOR THE VISIT AND THAT THE EMBASSY WILL CONTACT HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON DATES. BERGSTEN DID NOT MENTION THE REQUEST TO KREPS.

6. BERGSTEN HAS ALSO SECURED AN ORAL COMMITMENT TO SEE CALMON DE SA FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BERGLAND. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH USDA TO SET A DEFINITE TIME AS SOON AS WE ALL ARE TOGETHER ON DATES FOR THE VISIT.
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